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CROP PRODUCTION – JULY 2015

ARIZONA HIGHLIGHTS

Based on July 1 conditions, **durum wheat** production in Arizona is forecast at 13.21 million bushels, up 12 percent from the June 1 forecast and 65 percent above the 7.99 million bushels produced last year. Estimated acreage for harvest, at 139,000 acres, is up 15,000 acres from June 1 and 67,000 acres more than the 72,000 acres harvested in 2014. As of July 1, the average yield is forecast at 95.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the June 1 forecast, but 16.0 bushels below last year's final yield.

As of June 28, Arizona's durum wheat crop condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 7 percent fair, 71 percent good, and 18 percent excellent. Producers had harvested 65 percent of this year's crop, compared with 69 percent last year and the 5-year average of 59 percent.

Barley production is forecast at 2.07 million bushels, down 48 percent from the 2014 crop. Acreage harvested is expected to total 18,000 acres, down 14,000 acres from the 32,000 acres harvested last year. Barley yield is forecast at 115.0 bushels per acre, 10.0 bushels per acre below last year.

As of June 28, Arizona's barley crop condition was rated 30 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 25 percent excellent. Producers had harvested 65 percent of this year's crop, compared with 77 percent last year and the 5-year average of 61 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Durum wheat production is forecast at 75.5 million bushels, up 42 percent from 2014. The United States yield is forecast at 39.6 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last year. Expected area to be harvested for grain totals 1.91 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2015 but up 43 percent from last year.

Barley production is forecast at 208 million bushels, up 18 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of July 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 71.3 bushels per acre, down 1.1 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain or seed, at 2.92 million acres, is unchanged from the previous forecast but up 19 percent from 2014. When compared with last year, yields are expected to increase in Colorado and Minnesota due to favorable spring weather. Dry conditions have led to expected yield decreases in Montana and Washington. Record barley yields are expected in Colorado and Idaho.

For a full copy of the *Crop Production* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.